School curriculum prescribed by religious organisations

356. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are committed to uphold the secular ethos in the school curriculum;

(b) whether it is a fact that many schools run by the religious organisations continued to self-prescribed curriculum for the students in their respective schools;

(c) if so, whether any such curriculum has been found violating the secular values; and

(d) if so, what action Government have taken or propose to take to check this phenomenon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) It is the continuous endeavour of Government of India to ensure that teaching in the schools upholds the secular ethos as enshrined in the Constitution of India. However, as education figures on the Concurrent List, precise details about specific institutions teaching specific textbooks based on specific curriculum are not centrally maintained.

Disparity in School Syllabus

†357.SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the students of the schools run by certain institutions are taught some specific books and syllabus besides those prescribed by NCERT; and

(b) if so, the details of such institutions as well as the reasons for disparity of syllabus on school level and the steps being taken to do away with such disparity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) NCERT, which has been entrusted with the job of preparation of curriculum framework

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

and syllabus based on the curriculum framework for school education, prepares textbooks at school levels but has no authority to prescribe them. It is for the School Boards including CBSE, State Boards, etc. who are free to prescribe textbooks for the schools affiliated respectively to the Boards.

Fate of Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers

358. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to reinstate the Kendriya Vidyalaya teachers who had to resign or were dismissed owing to their inability to join the places of posting following the transfer guidelines issued earlier;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Government have decided to set up a Committee to take a fresh look at the above; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has constituted a Committee under Joint Commissioner (Administration), Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan with two Senior Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas for considering the appeal of those teachers who either resigned or were removed from service owing to their inability to join their places of posting after being transferred as a result of the transfer policy of 1st April, 2000. The appeal for aggrieved teachers received till 15th December, 2004 shall be considered by this Committee.

Common entrance test for Medical and Engineering

359. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from the All India Medical and Engineering Colleges Association to permit them to